

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments made to the claims and for the remarks made herein.

Claims 1-10 are pending and stand rejected. Claim 1-3 and 6-10 are objected to.

Claims 1-3 and 6-10 have been amended.

Claims 1-3 and 6-10 are objected to for containing informalities. More specifically, the claims are objected to for containing reference numbers in brackets in the claims.

Applicant thanks the examiner for his observation and has amended the claims to remove the objected to language.

Having amended the claims, as observed by the examiner, applicant submits that the reason for the objection has been overcome. Applicant respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

Claims 1-10 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over selected claims of co-pending Application no. 09/959,015.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with and explicitly traverses the reason for rejecting the claims. However in the interest of advancing the prosecution of this matter applicant has elected to submit a Terminal Disclaimer to limit the term of any patent that may issue from the instant application to coincide with the expiration date of any patent that may issue from co-pending Application no. 09/959,015.


Having submitted a Terminal Disclaimer limiting the term of any patent that may issue from the instant application, applicant submits that the reason for the rejection has been overcome. Applicant respectfully requests that withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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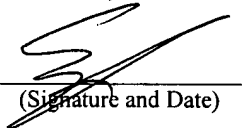

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